

From: "Jim Cross" <jcross@sisna.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 12/10/2008 12:58 PM
Subject: Great Salt Lake

Dave,

I just wanted to thank you for the time you spent by phone. I am very excited that through your efforts and that of your department and panels, the Great Salt Lake and other areas will be preserved and protected. I am also happy to see that a well founded approach is being made to allow appropriate development.

Thanks again for all you do,

Jim Cross

From: ALAN TROUT <altrout@msn.com>
To: <genevieveatwood@comcast.net>, <jenniferwiglama@utah.gov>, <sboyden@attg...
Date: 12/31/2008 9:32 PM
Subject: RE: New State Action

CC: <davegrierson@utah.gov>, <dickbuehler@utah.gov>, Jason Curry <jasoncurry...

In my judgment, this project will have significant impact on Bear River Bay, Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Harold Crane WMA and Ogden Bay WMA. Any expansion of the evaporation ponds in Bear River Bay to handle the additional brine delivered by the Gunnison Bay feed canal will be detrimental to migratory bird feeding, breeding and resting. In addition, it will also have a large negative affect on hunting opportunity.

This proposal does not address the full impact of the project on either the migratory bird resource, public hunting and other public uses such as photography and airboating.

> From: genevieveatwood@comcast.net> To: jenniferwiglama@utah.gov; sboyden@attglobal.net; forpest@cc.usu.edu; milnc@compassminerals.com; jerke@compuvision.com; altrout@msn.com; jhull@networld.com; ttripp@usmagnesium.com> CC: DAVEGRIERSON@utah.gov; DICKBUEHLER@utah.gov; JASONCURRY@utah.gov; MIKESTYLER@utah.gov; ROBYNPEARSON@utah.gov; ljmyers@cdsewer.com> Subject: RE: New State Action> Date: Wed, 31 Dec 2008 13:41:02 -0700> > > Vis a vis the leasing of over 30,000 ac of the bed of Gunnison Bay for salt> evaporation and feed canals. Unless I am missing a page of text from the> DFFSL presentation to RDCC, the Division thinks that the sum total effects> to the Great Salt Lake and its environs are: > > "Possible significant impacts likely to occur:> Initial impacts of air quality during construction of improvements likely> but not significant. Dike construction will impact the bed of Great Salt> Lake on the west shore of Gunnison Bay."> > Surely there will be other significant impacts to GSL with the development> of these areas as evaporation ponds. I am particularly concerned about the> feed canal and its potential to lower the level of Great Salt Lake. RDCC> should be informed of potential impacts. If you were my students I might> suggest you use the 5 subsystems of Earth systems to organize some possible> impacts... here are examples, this list is not inclusive, you know the lake> and can expand on these:> Impacts to the geosphere: impacts of mining shoreline deposits (The Finger> Point has the best record of climate change of the past 15,000 years, even> better than on Antelope Island.> To the hydrosphere: effects on the volume, lake level and salinity of GSL> To the biosphere: effects on Gunnison Island> To the atmosphere: dust/ pollutants/ effects on weather during drought years> of a smaller lake> To the anthrosphere: access, narrowing future options.> > My great concern is Gunnison Island: how expansion of evaporation operations> of GSL Minerals will contribute to lowered lake elevations allowing> predators access to the pelican rookery. > > SUMMARY: It does not appear to me that the Division is taking advantage of> the State's Resource Development Coordinating Committee process to present> issues for discussion. > > -----Original Message-----> From: Jennifer Wiglama [mailto:jenniferwiglama@utah.gov] > Sent: Monday, December 08, 2008 6:09 PM> To: sboyden@attglobal.net; forpest@cc.usu.edu; genevieveatwood@comcast.net;> milnc@compassminerals.com; jerke@compuvision.com; altrout@msn.com;> jhull@networld.com; ttripp@usmagnesium.com> Cc: Dave Grierson; Dick Buehler; Jason Curry; Mike Styler; Robyn Pearson> Subject: New State Action> > Greetings,> > Attached is a new state action proposal for mineral leasing on Great Salt> Lake.> > Let me know if you have any questions.> > Jennifer> > > Jennifer Wiglama> Mineral Lease Analyst> Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands> PO Box 145703> Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5703> 801-538-5495 (ph.) 801-533-4111 (fax)> > >

From: "Genevieve Atwood" <genevieveatwood@comcast.net>
To: "Jennifer Wiglama" <jenniferwiglama@utah.gov>, <sboyden@attglobal.net>...
Date: 12/31/2008 1:41 PM
Subject: RE: New State Action

CC: "Dave Grierson" <DAVEGRIERSON@utah.gov>, "Dick Buehler" <DICKBUEHLER...

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To: sboyden@attglobal.net; forpest@cc.usu.edu; genevieveatwood@comcast.net; milnc@compassminerals.com; jerke@compuvision.com; altrout@msn.com; jhull@networld.com; ttripp@usmagnesium.com
Cc: Dave Grierson; Dick Buehler; Jason Curry; Mike Styler; Robyn Pearson
Subject: New State Action

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Let me know if you have any questions.

Jennifer

Jennifer Wiglama
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From: <KathyThredgold@aol.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/6/2009 2:26 PM
Subject: GSL

Dear Dave:

I can't understand why anyone wouldn't support Compass Minerals from acquiring more land to operate with the economy in Utah, that can provide good paying jobs plus donations made to the local community is great for our state. Thank Great Salt Lake for staying in Utah. By helping them and the work they do doesn't in anyway harm the environment or natural wild life in the area.
Kathy Thredgold

New year...new news. Be the first to know what is making headlines. (<http://www.aol.com/?ncid=emlcntaolcom00000026>)

From: "Dave Meacham" <meacd@compassminerals.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/7/2009 11:32 AM
Subject: GSL Land Swap Project

Dave,

I have lived in Utah for 17 years. I just wanted to send you a note, to encourage you to approve the land swap with GSL Minerals. In my opinion, this land swap will benefit the State in several ways, one being increased economic growth for Utah. I do not believe there would be anything detrimental to the environment, as result of the swap. So, I wanted to let you know that I support the land swap with GSL Minerals, and hope you approve of this deal also. Thanks.

From: <kevinsmith3206@comcast.net>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/7/2009 5:14 PM
Subject: Land swap

Dear Dave,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed land swap between GSL and the state. It looks like a cut and dried, clear case of win/win. The area being given up by GSL is an area that supports much more water fowl than the area out in the west desert. This works to the advantage of the water fowl and the public also has more of a realistic opportunity to view or take advantage of it. The area out west does not support much in the way of birds or any other form of life.

If GSL is given the opportunity to expand it helps not only to sustain a fair amount of good paying jobs, it should allow for growth in the job market. Put my vote in the support category!

Thanks!

Kevin M. Smith

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Farr West, Utah 84404

From: "Djud3580" <Djud3580@comcast.net>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/7/2009 7:51 PM
Subject: Land exchange approval

Dear Mr. Grierson,

I'm writing today to urge your quick approval for an important local project: the proposed land swap between the State of Utah and the Great Salt Lake Minerals Corporation.

The vast majority of Utah residents agree that we need more opportunities for new jobs. Hundreds of businesses use the Great Salt Lake to drive our local economy. The land swap that will lead to greater sulfate of potash cultivation by GSLM will help drive our economic growth.

There are naysayers out there who are trying to mislead the public about the impacts to the environment, but potash cultivation does not hurt our environment in any way and the land swap will not restrict the navigability or the long-term viability of the Great Salt Lake.

I ask your commitment on behalf of the people here who need more good-paying jobs and urge the Department of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to complete this review quickly.

Sincerely,

Don L. Judkins

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Ogden, Utah 84404

From: w putnam <wjinput2@yahoo.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/8/2009 9:23 AM
Subject: GSL & State of Utah Land Swap

Dave Grierson
Divison of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
PO Box 145703
SLC, UT 84114-5703

Dear Dave-

Just a note to say that I support the Land Swap between GSL and The State of Utah. The Solar Ponds fertilizer project has many positive factors and is beneficial in many ways to the State of Utah and it residents.

Thank you for your time.
Wendy Putnam

From: Mark Reynolds <markkreynolds@yahoo.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/8/2009 10:55 AM
Subject: GSLM Mineral Leases Actions

Mr. Grierson,
I just wanted to voice my support of for the proposed mineral lease-swap between the State of Utah and Great Salt Lake Minerals Corporation.

GSLM has been a good and long-time employer in Ogden and has been a good citizen. They should be allowed to continue to grow their business and pursue additional markets. Utah needs to continue to encourage the growth of good paying jobs.

FFSL has always pursued a course to balance the multi-use designation of the Great Salt Lake and this proposed action is another example of a series of good decisions. A minority opposition group should not be allowed to stop or delay this balanced approach to utilize the Great Salt Lake for the greater good of all.

I appreciate the work done so far and encourage the quick review and approval of this action.

Thank you.

Mark Reynolds
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Clinton, UT 81015

From: "Corey Milne" <milnec@compassminerals.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/8/2009 12:12 PM
Subject: Public Comment on GSL Lease Swap

Mr. Dave Grierson

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

As Site Manager of the Great Salt Lake Minerals Corporation, I'm pleased that the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands will soon be reviewing our proposed land swap with the state. As you know, the proposal includes our surrender of 30,000 acres of undeveloped leases near Promontory Point in exchange for 37,000 acres of new lease lands to the west of our current operations.

GSL views this land swap as a balanced approach to addressing the needs of our industry while meeting the needs of other users of the Great Salt Lake and respecting the Great Salt Lake's natural environment.

This agreement will allow us to grow our operations and address a deep need for Sulfate of Potash (SOP), which is vital to our nation's agriculture production. It is estimated that world demand for potassium is increasing at a rate of 1.3 million tons per year, far exceeding the industry's current capacity. As the nation's largest producer for SOP, we need to increase our ability to meet that growing demand.

At the same time the swap will support the goal of maintaining open space and wildlife habitats on the lake by preserving 30,000 acres near Promontory Point for future generations. Although GSL has held leases on this acreage since 1967, we recognize that this acreage is desirable for recreational uses and could be used to help meet environmental preservation goals. By contrast, the 37,000 acre site is shallow, saline saturated and inhospitable to wildlife. It isn't often when government and private industry are able to come together to produce solutions that allow growth without causing harm in the process.

As a result of the 37,000 acres of new ponds, GSL will add skilled, well-paying jobs to the community and generate additional property tax revenues for Box Elder County and additional royalties for the State of Utah.

GSL is excited about the possibilities created by the land swap and proud of the conservationist approach we have chosen to take in

partnership with the State of Utah. Thank you for your consideration on this matter and we look forward to your continued review.

Sincerely,

Corey Milne

Site Manager

Great Salt Lake Minerals Corporation

From: Emily Snow <emiliah@yahoo.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/8/2009 3:20 PM
Subject: GSL Landswap Support

Mr. Grierson,

I would like to voice my support for the land swap between Great Salt Lake Minerals and the State of Utah.

While we are losing so many jobs in this country, due both to the bad economy and cheap labor overseas, I see no better investment for the citizens of Utah than to support businesses that cannot be outsourced! The expansion of an already viable business will ensure long-term jobs and income to the State of Utah.

Also, I wholeheartedly support Great Salt Lake Minerals as a "green" business that uses solar energy as the main power source for industrial production. It stands to reason that a company who uses this natural power would also be environmentally conscious and would not encroach on lands necessary to wildlife. I am animal lover. I would not support something that I feel might endanger our feathered or furry neighbors.

The Great Salt Lake is a great local renewable resource. As long as it is managed responsibly, it will provide us with jobs, resources, and recreation for millennia. I believe that Great Salt Lake Minerals will continue to reliably support the lake's economy and ecosystems.

Sincerely,

Emily Snow
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From: <maxmifflin@comcast.net>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/8/2009 5:44 PM

I support the expansion and land swap of GSL Minerals.

Max H Mifflin

From: <kayemiffin@comcast.net>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/8/2009 5:46 PM

I support the expansion and land swap of GSL Minerals.

Kaye B. Miffin

From: "Robert Cordova" <moon_rocket@comcast.net>
To: "Dave Grierson" <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/8/2009 6:55 PM
Subject: Public Comment on GSL Lease Swap

Mr. Dave Grierson

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

My wife is employed at Great Salt Lake Minerals Corporation, and I'm very happy that the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands will soon be reviewing their proposed land swap with the state. The proposal includes the surrender of 30,000 acres of undeveloped leases near Promontory Point in exchange for 37,000 acres of new lease lands to the west of their current locations.

From everything that I have seen and read, it appears to me that GSL is definitely trying to keep the natural environment safe for birds and other wildlife, while respecting the needs of other businesses that depend and use the Great Salt Lake.

This lease swap would allow GSL to expand their operations and provide the SOP (Sulphate of Potash) for all of the farmers, fruit growers and other agricultural arenas in order to provide food for people here and overseas. In this time of hardship with the economy I see this as a bonus and a win win situation for all involved. GSL can continue providing a great and very valuable product for all of us, and the wildlife will have as safe a habitat as can be created in that part of the lake.

In discussions with my wife and reading articles associated with this, I have come to the conclusion that the land that GSL is willing to swap, is more desirable for others, while the land that GSL would like, really doesn't accomplish anything as it is not a good environment for wildlife. I have a good friend who is very dedicated to the Friends of the Great Salt Lake, and even she sees the reasons behind this and agrees with what they are trying to accomplish.

GSL will also be able to expand and create new jobs for the local area around here. In times of economic turmoil, I believe this to be another point in their favor.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter, and your time.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Cordova

Bobby and Jo Ann Cordova

moon_rocket@comcast.net

From: <CHESTERKJ@MSN.COM>
To: <davegrierson@Utah.gov>
Date: 1/8/2009 10:14 PM
Subject: Land Swap project

January 8, 2009

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Attn: Dave Grierson
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dar Mr. Grierson,

As Utah residents concerned about the future of Our State and our local economy, we urge your quick approval of the proposed land swap between the State of Utah and Great Salt Lake Minerals Corporation.

This approval of the land swap will not only benefit Great Salt Lake Minerals and their employees and families, but a number of other industries and agricultural businesses around the region that depend on potash. By help GSL grow its' businesses, it helps the community and the State to grow too.

We urge you to review this project as soon as possible and help clear a path for the project approval.

Sincerely,

Katherine and Miles Chester
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Farr West, Utah 84404

From: <jandstolman@comcast.net>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/9/2009 11:30 AM
Subject: GSL Land Swap

I have worked for several locally owned construction companys for most of my 25+ career. Through my career I have had the opportunity to work out at GSL several times with different companies building plants an additions to their plants. I know that coming up there will be alot of construction going on out there and reading about the land swap and their expanding plans is a very good thing for us local construction guys. I am always in fear of losing my job due to the ecomony right now, but hopefully because my company has a good relationship with GSL we will get some of the upcoming work going on. It would be great to work close to home in stead of being laid off or sent ot work in another state. All the time I have spent out there has been very good, the people are good people and they were always concerned about safety and making sure everything was safe and clean.

We need to protect jobs in Utah, especially construction, and by approving this land swap will at least get GSL in a good position to expand and help our local workers and vendors in these tough times.

I hope you will app rove this.

Jack Tolman
Superintendent
CK Construction
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Roy UT 84067

From: "Bill Aitchison" <AitchisonB@compassminerals.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/9/2009 2:22 PM
Subject: land swap

CC: "Sherry Tolman" <tolmans@compassminerals.com>
Hello Dave : I was on a tour of the GSL site last October, It's an impressive site to say the least.

We where taken for a tour all the way out the #1 pumping station so that we could get an apparition for the size of the operation, and a first hand look at the landscape and conditions.

Afterwards it was explained to us about the proposal for expansion of the GSL site, and proposed land swap with the state.

I am sending this E mail to let you know that I am in support of this proposal.

Bill Aitchison

Electrical supervisor.

From: Jim Manning <jim.manning@yahoo.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/9/2009 2:35 PM

Dear Mr. Dave Grierson,

It has come to my attention that you are the individual responsible for collecting public comment on the potential "land swap" between the State of Utah and GSL minerals.

I am a life-long resident of Weber County who has no specific vested interest in seeing GSL obtain this new land. While I do know people employed at GSL or otherwise involved, these people are merely my neighbors and exert no specific influence over my opinion.

That being said, I would like to unequivocally state that this exchange appears to be a favorable and healthy situation for all parties concerned. Not only would it benefit GSL, thereby helping the local economy and potential employment retention and growth, but seems to provide (from what I've read) an equitably favorable situation for the State of Utah and it's residents.

The Great Salt Lake is a veritable treasure and contains FAR more potential mineral wealth than even GSL currently realizes. It also serves as a treasure for the state of Utah in terms of both recreation and wildlife management. The benefits of this potential land transaction appear to FAR outweigh any perceived negatives.

Personally I would like to see much more utilization of the Lake's resources in the future - and I suspect most Utahns would share that belief.

It is in this spirit that I express my full support to the proposed 'land swap' between GSL and the State of Utah.

Thank You,

James M. Manning
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From: <tsbgbb@aol.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/9/2009 4:05 PM

Mr. Dave Grierson

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

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The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands will soon be reviewing the proposed land swap between Great Salt Lake Minerals and the State of Utah. I believe this is a beneficial land swap for all, and is a good compromise between industry, recreation, and the environment. I would like to voice my opinion in favor of the approval of this land swap.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Burton

From: <tnebevan@comcast.net>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/9/2009 4:41 PM
Subject: GSL swap

As a lifelong waterfowler along the eastern and northern shores of the Salt Lake, I highly encourage the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to endorse the proposed land exchange with Great Salt Lake Minerals. They (GSL) have always been good neighbors and have benefited the economy tremendously in the past 40 + years. Any actions put forth to establish their permanence and continued operations could only benefit us all.

Thank You,

Thomas F. Bevan
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From: "Hanna Peck" <hannapeck@gmail.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/9/2009 6:50 PM
Subject: GSL/Utah land swap

We want to go on record as supporting the land swap between GSL and the State of Utah. We feel it is good for people and wildlife alike. The Salt Lake Tribune sees no reason to oppose it and we want you to know we support it.

Everett & Hanna Peck
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84105
(801) 486-9660

From: "Hanna Peck" <hannapec@gmail.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/9/2009 6:57 PM
Subject: GSL/Utah land swap

We wife Lynette and I (Scott) want to support the land swap between
GSL and the State of Utah.

I forgot to email you before I left work so I am emailing you now.

Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

from: smontoya@utah.gov

Scott & Lynette Montoya
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84106
(801) 466-9477

From: "Phil Meyer" <philfmeyer@msn.com>
To: <davegrierson@utah.gov>
Date: 1/5/2009 4:26 PM

Dear Dave,

As a local Plain City, Utah resident, I am writing to you to let you know of my support for Great Salt Lake Mineral Company's Solar Ponds Project. As I understand the exchange proposal, it is 37K acres of state leased land on the north side for 30K acres of land on the west side. It seems like a fair exchange and would benefit wildlife preservation. GSL has been a good corporate partner in our community and has many local employees. This expansion would benefit our local community and would utilize the growing need for expanded fertilizer production.

I have been a resident of Plain City for almost 25 years and have 10 years of past elected official experience, as a city council member and planning commission member in this community. GSL is a respected corporate entity and I see a real plus side, economically, to the community. I also know that GSL has partnered with local elementary schools, and has been active in the community here in Plain City, by among other things, supporting us with a brine solution for our Rodeo grounds, free of charge. I trust this company and feel they have a good clean operation, They have key employees who live in the local area and have a personal stake in the decisions of the company and how they affect our local environment.

Please consider my comments in the approval process.

Thank you,

Phil Meyer

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